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MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND DENTAL HYGIENE
DATE AND TIME:	August 17, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	October 19, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Thomas A. Mercer, DDS, Professional Member, President
Dr. Brian McAllister, DMD, Professional Member, Secretary
Dr. Ryan Barnhart, DDS, Professional Member
Dr. Erin Cox, DDS, Professional Member
June Ewing, Public Member
Buffy Parker, RDH, Professional Hygiene Member
Bonnie Thomas, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member (arrived 3:29 p.m.)
Mary Trinkle, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rozi Berberian, Public Member
Dr. Bruce Matthews, DDS, Professional Member
Carla Rawheiser, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member
Joseph Stormer, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF

Kristin Gibbons, Hearing Officer
Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II
Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General

OTHERS PRESENT

Adam Balick, Esquire
Marieive Rodriguez
Anne Farley

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Mercer called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE HEARING

Marieive Rodriguez

See attached hearing minutes.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2017

Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to approve the June 15, 2017 meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review and Sign Final Order Adopting Regulation Changes

The final order adopting regulation changes was signed by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Ratification of Dental Hygienist Applications

Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Ms. Trinkle, to ratify the dental hygienist licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Danielle Boylan	Rachael Mace
Stephanie Boney	Kelley Bradley
Danielle Nardo	Maribel Rios-Diaz
Chelsearose Astanova	Katherine Durbano
Jennifer Jackson	Michelle Connor
Pamela Fernandes-Woodward	Stephanie Gordon
Chloe Lim	Lauren Davis
Sarah Gispert	Uri Rebolledo
Tatiana Perez	Brittany MacNeill

Ratification of Dental Applications

Dr. Barnhart, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to ratify the dental licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mark Schmidt	Scott Tibbetts
Madhavi Karnam	Xiaohua Zhu
Amanda Golshiri	Michael D'Amico
Mia Holmes	Seyar Baqi
Rei-yang Hsu	Jennifer Lopes
Andres Hurtado	Myhanh Vu
Justin Josell	

Ratification of Restricted II Permits

Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to ratify the restricted II permits listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Amanda Golshiri
Andres Hurtado
Marissa Schnelle

Ratification of Dentist-Academic Applications

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to ratify the dentist-academic license listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Marvin Baer

Ratification of Dentist Limited-Resident Applications

Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to ratify the dentist limited-resident licenses listed below. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Alexa Brancato
La'Chanda Akers

Review of Continuing Education Activities

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to amend the agenda to add a 4 hour continuing education course requested by Dr. Pancko for "Heritage Shores CE Course". By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to approve the 4 hour course submitted by Dr. Pancko for "Heritage Shores CE Course". By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dr. Barnhart moved, seconded by Dr. McAllister, to approve 10 of the 20 hours requested by American Educational Institute, Inc. for "The 2017-2018 Medical-Dental-Legal Update" as self-study hours only. The motion carried with Ms. Parker and Ms. Thomas opposing.

Complaint Updates

Complaint #09-04-17 was dismissed by the Division due to insufficient evidence.

Update on Lemper Superior Court Appeal

Ms. Singh informed the Board that the Superior Court appeal by Dr. Lemper ruled in favor of the Board.

The Board discussed the amount of calibration exercises that need to take place and how the judge in the appeal agreed that doing a calibration when a new Board member/examinee joins the Board is acceptable.

Consideration and Vote on Regulation Incorporating Examination Guidelines by Reference into Board's Regulations

The Board discussed making some minor corrections in the guidelines before incorporating them into the regulations.

Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Ms. Parker, to table this item until the next scheduled meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

American Board of Dental Specialties

This correspondence was to inform the Board that a court case was won in Texas that involves dentists being able to advertise their specialties. The Board concluded that this does not pertain to Delaware licensees.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For discussion only)

Dental Exam Numbers by Year

The number of examinees per test per year was provided to the Board for comparison and evaluation. The Board discussed reducing the number of candidates as a positive due to complaints with suction.

Unrestricted Web Lookup

Ms. Hurley walked the Board through the change to the unrestricted lookup on the Division's website. The type of license (facility or individual) has been added to reduce confusion when a licensee is being researched.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. in Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Mercer moved, seconded by Dr. Barnhart, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25 p.m. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Meredith Hurley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Meredith Hurley
Administrative Specialist II

HEARING MINUTES

HEARING – Marieve Rodriguez

PRESENT: Thomas Mercer, Brian McAllister, Ryan Barnhart, Erin Cox, Buffy Parker, Bonnie Thomas, June Ewing and Mary Trinkle

RECUSED: None

EXCUSED: None

PURPOSE: Rule to Show Cause for Noncompliance with Prior Board Order

PRESIDING: Thomas Mercer, President

BOARD STAFF: Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE BOARD: Jennifer Singh, DAG

TIME STARTED: 3:20 p.m.

At 3:20 p.m., Ms. Singh called the rule to show cause hearing for Marieve Rodriguez to order. The Board introduced themselves for the record. Verbatim testimony was recorded electronically. Ms. Rodriguez was present along with her attorney, Adam Balick, Esquire. Ms. Singh stated the purpose of the hearing. The following was marked as Board Exhibit 1: the letter notifying Ms. Rodriguez of the Board's findings and the hearing notice, the March 22, 2012 Order, quarterly reports, and audit reports. The following was marked as Board Exhibit 2: a letter amending the original findings for audit #3.

Mr. Balick addressed the Board, discussing changes that they will make in her dental office that will allow her to be more accurate in her charting and billing practices. He stated that Ms. Rodriguez will be taking the training course in her billing software, she will be using an intraoral camera with each patient, and he will be reviewing the insurance claims with her on a weekly basis. He requested that the Board accept another audit for review to be submitted by May 2018 in the hopes that it will be free from errors.

Ms. Rodriguez was sworn in and discussed her practice, how she is the only dentist and it has been very difficult to find employees that are knowledgeable with insurance claims. She stated she could not afford both a hygienist and a front desk receptionist and relies on her own notes for billing.

The Board entered into deliberations at 3:58 p.m. At 4:08 p.m., Dr. McAllister moved, seconded by Dr. Mercer, to allow Ms. Rodriguez to continue without further discipline at this time. The motion carried unanimously.

The hearing concluded at 4:09 p.m.